

# People with disability are missing out

## The financial burden of COVID-19 on families with disability across Indonesia

### Before Covid-19



**55%** of respondents were economically active. Out of those, 40.6% had their own business, 29% were employees, 7.8% were farmers and 14.4% were daily workers.

### After Covid-19



**80%** of those who were economically active saw their incomes fall. For half of them it decreased between **50-80%**.

### As a consequence..



These 80% face difficulties to cover their basic needs.

**43%** are unable pay their monthly utility bills.

### Even though...



60% are the main breadwinner of their household and 76% have over 3 dependents.

### Yet...



Only **13.4%** are part of the government's conditional cash programme.

**11.9%** were receiving unconditional cash assistance.

Only **1.8%** were involved in cash for work programs.

Indonesian DPO networks did a comprehensive online and phone survey of 1,683 people from 32 provinces across Indonesia in late April 2020, to understand if their economic situation had changed as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown. 44% of respondents were women.

### Why is this?

**Why?** People with disability are telling us that information about how to get government support **has been difficult for them to access.**

**Why?** Because government have taken little action to ensure people with disability are accessing government support.

**Why?** Because disability hasn't been considered as targeting criteria in social assistance programs.

**Why?** Because aid agencies often forget to think about accessibility for people with disability in their responses.



### What needs to happen

All official communications on COVID-19 must be accessible to and be able to reach people with different impairments. This should include procedures to access financial support and emergency relief for people in need.

Disability should be weighted appropriately in the target criteria for social protection programmes.

Social protection payments should be accessible and inclusive for all.

